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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: IMCO, PBOR, SF

SUBJECT: IMCO - MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE

1. IMCO SYG GOAD LEARNED OCTOBER 2 THAT SOUTH AFRICA PLANS TO ATTEND MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE (MPC). GOAD BELIEVES POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE RULED OUT THAT EFFORT MAY BE MADE BY AFRICAN STATES TO DENY SOUTH AFRICA SEAT AT CONFERENCE. TO COVER SUCH A POSSIBILITY, GOAD HAS ASKED IMCO SECRETARIAT TO LOOK INTO QUESTION OF WHAT WOULD HAPPEN PROCEDURALLY IF SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF STATES TRIED TO BLOCK SOUTH AFRICA SEATING.
2. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO PROVIDE USDEL TO MPC WITH GUIDANCE AS TO HOW IT SHOULD REACT IN EVENT EFFORT IS MADE TO EXPEL SOUTH AFRICA. ANY EFFORT ALONG THESE LINES WOULD PROBABLY DEVELOP WITHIN FIRST DAY OR TWO OF CONFERENCE. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ASAP.

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